

AGENDA

**TOWN COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING**

**SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

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1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Mayor's Remarks**
4. **Communications and Reports from the Town Manager**
5. **Public Input**
The public is welcome to email comments to TownCouncilComments@southwindsor-ct.gov. Town Council members will not respond to any public comments/questions.
6. **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings**
(Councilor Maneeley)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meeting: Virtual Regular Meeting of July 20, 2020.

(Councilor Lopez)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves the Minutes of the following Town Council Meetings: Virtual Special Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020 and July 30, 2020; and Virtual Public Hearing Minutes of July 27, 2020.

7. **Communications**
8. **Special New Business**
 - A. **Discussion Item: Feedback Regarding August 11, 2020 Primary** *(requested by Councilor Snyder) (Sue Larsen, Registrar; and Sue Burnham, Registrar to be present)*
 - B. **Discussion Item: Sewer Fees** *(requested by Councilor Delnicki) (Tony Manfre to be present)*

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8. Special New Business (Continued)

- C. Resolution Authorizing Town Manager, Michael Maniscalco to Execute and Deliver any and all Documents Deemed to be Necessary or Appropriate to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security on behalf of the Town of South Windsor**
(Councilor Delnicki)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of South Windsor may enter into, with and deliver to the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems necessary or appropriate for the “Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michael Maniscalco, Town Manager of the Town of South Windsor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of South Windsor and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the “Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 3” including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

- D. Discussion Item: Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee (requested by Councilor Evans)**
- E. Resolution Approving a Transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account**
(Councilor Evans)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a transfer of \$1,000 from the Contingency Account to the Black Lives Matter Sub-Committee Account to cover costs associated with programs that the Committee will be running.

- F. Resolution Setting a Virtual Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on the Appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds**
(Councilor Lydecker)

BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby sets **Monday, September 21, 2020, at 8:00 p.m.**, as the time to hold a Virtual Public Hearing to receive citizen input on the appropriation of \$410,000 of LoCIP Funds to cover costs associated with the replacement of the South Windsor Town Hall elevator and construction of an ADA ramp.

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8. Special New Business (Continued)

G. **Resolution Approving a Public Message Policy** (Councilor Snyder)

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2020, a message from a special interest group was painted on the driveway to Town Hall without the approval of the Town Council. No Town funds were used to create this message, and there is no public message policy in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Windsor had no policy or procedure at the time associated with how requests for the use of Town property to display public messages would be approved; and

WHEREAS, there have been questions and concerns from South Windsor residents regarding the process and procedure utilized to allow this message to be displayed on Town property; and

WHEREAS, there were multiple resident communications disapproving of the Town Council allowing any use of Town property to display such a painting or any type of slogan or pictures expressing a public message; and

WHEREAS, the June 12, 2020 painting was vandalized on August 12, 2020, causing the need for removal of the painting by the Town at the cost of \$658.75

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council hereby approves a Public Message Policy as presented in attached **Exhibit A**.

H. **Discussion Item: Financing of Flag Poles** (*requested by Councilor Delnicki*)

I. **Discussion Item: In-Person Town Council Meetings** (*requested by Councilor Delnicki*)

J. **Discussion Item: Relationship with Quito, Ecuador – Sister City Agreement** (*requested by Mayor Paterna*)

K. **Discussion Item: Update on the South Windsor 175th Anniversary** (*requested by Mayor Paterna and Councilor Snyder*)

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9. Public Input

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10. Communications from Council

11. Executive Session

12. Adjournment

PUBLIC MESSAGE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

- A. The Town Council of South Windsor establishes the following policy regarding the use of public property to create or display public messages, images, or slogans such as painting, signs, banners and murals (“Public Message”) at the Town Hall, or any Town-owned or Town-maintained facilities.
- B. This Policy shall not apply to or supersede the Town’s policy on the display of flags, nor shall a Public Message hereunder include the posting of notices or banners by the Town for informational purposes only regarding Town business and upcoming events.

II. POLICY

- A. The Town Council hereby declares that property owned or maintained by the Town of South Windsor is not intended to serve as a forum for free expression.
- B. The Town Council shall not consider nor shall any member of the Town Council approve of any request for a Public Message to be displayed on Town property, whether made by a member of the South Windsor Town Council or the public.

The Resolution to read as follows:

H. Resolution Creating a Town Council Sub-Committee to Address the Racial Equity and the Black Lives Matter Movement and How it Affects the Town of South Windsor

WHEREAS, it is important that the South Windsor Town Council address the issue of systemic racism in our society; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council declares Racism as a Public Health Crisis that affects many areas in our community such as housing, health care, education, job training, and employment; and

WHEREAS, the South Windsor Town Council supports the goals of Social Justice and Racial Equality in our community

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South Windsor Town Council wishes to create a four (4) member sub-committee, appointed by the Mayor and Minority Leader, and begin with these tasks:

1. Establish Community Conversation Events to discuss Social Justice and Racial Equity, and the Global Black Lives Matter Movement in South Windsor, keeping in mind appropriate guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. Draft a Statement of Support regarding the Black Lives Matter Movement in South Windsor; and
3. Promote and develop programs and initiatives to continue this effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sub-committee shall submit the Statement of Support after it is complete to the South Windsor Town Council for approval.

Backup Information for Item 8.J.

The sister city movement began formally as an outgrowth of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's "People to People" initiative, according to Virginia Walden, a spokesman for Sister Cities International, a private, nonprofit organization based in Washington that acts as a clearinghouse for such programs.

Throughout the years, the movement has remained popular, but the motivation for some of the relationships has changed. "Initially, people became interested in sister cities to improve human relations between countries and for educational reasons," she said. "Now, people are also getting involved because of business and trade."

Definition: The Sister Cities Program is dedicated to improving human connections and understanding through cultural, trade, and educational exchange with other communities throughout the world.

Connecticut communities with sister cities include

Newington with Talca, Chile

New Milford with San Miguel, El Salvador

Ridgefield with Ingelheim, West Germany

Woodbridge with Linguere, Senegal

Stratford with Stratford, Canada,

Glastonbury, with Glastonbury, England

Haddam with the Haddams, England

Wallingford with Wallingford, England

Westport currently has three sister cities:

1. Marigny, France
2. St. Petersburg, Russia
3. Yangzhou, People's Republic of China

Norwalk with Nagarote, Nicaragua (now at 34 years)

Essex with Deschappelles, Haiti